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CIVILIAN DEFENSE INFORMATION

Editor's Note: This space is dedicated to America's Civilian Defense program and is for the presentation of accurate and detailed information and instructions on defense matters. Persons or organizations having information that might be useful for defense should send it to the office of this publication. If any doubt exists about the usefulness or wisdom of printing such material it will be submitted to the chairman of the local defense council for approval.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BOY SCOUTS FOR COLLECTING SCRAP AND PAPER

The following instructions to Boy Scouts of the Valley Forge Council, which includes Delaware and Montgomery Counties, regarding the collection of scrap and paper were issued this week by Rex I. Gary, Scout executive.

The United States Government through its OPM Chief, Mr. William S. Knudsen has made the request that—

1. All Troops intensify their Waste Paper Collection efforts.
- a. In addition to collecting Waste Paper, pick up SCRAP METAL such as steel, iron, copper, brass, lead, zinc, also rubber.
- b. He further urges that this effort continue throughout the duration of the war.

Feeling that all Units will assist in this patriotic service the following outline is presented for all Units to follow:

1. Each Unit has an assigned area for the duration of war. If not see your Neighborhood Commissioner and get one.
2. Uniformed Scouts should notify each household, preferably by a printed notice, of the facts that Scouts (Cubs also) will call at stated intervals (tell when you will call).
3. Keep to your promised schedule of calls.
4. Each Patrol or Den is assigned a definite section of your Unit area.
5. Establish contact with a dealer.
6. Establish a Unit warehouse if you need one. The dealer calls periodically to pick up the Scrap and Waste Paper. Avoid delay between collecting and having dealer call, as the BIG IDEA is to have a constant and huge flow of material from the households of the Nation to the factories.
7. Keep a careful record of poundage and individual Scout Record. Each Neighborhood Commissioner IS ASKED TO FIND OUT EACH MONTH FROM EACH UNIT how many (a) pounds of paper (b) Pounds of scrap metal and rubber (c) how many boys and report this by Troops on his regular monthly status report.
8. Please forward to the Council office for the War Service Book any clippings or pictures about your work.
9. All Neighborhood Commissioners are asked to strongly emphasize to all their units the NEED for everyone to rally to this project. "Every Unit collect Scrap and Paper."
10. Do not intrude on agencies which are now doing this work. There is plenty to do. In any event you can urge all householders to get rid of their waste materials either through the Scouts, the Salvation Army, etc. Don't take for granted that there is a flow of waste material from your area to the factory—find out and do something about it.
11. Money made from Waste Material should be placed in the Troop Treasury wherever possible. Some means of crediting individuals can be worked out. This is a splendid way for a Scout to earn his way to Camp.

The Committee,
REX I. GARY, Scout Executive.

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ARMY INFORMATION CENTER

Civilian volunteer workers are needed immediately for the Philadelphia Army Information Center to protect this community from air raids. Go to the Office of Civilian Defense, 16 South 15th Street, this city, and ask to serve with the Interceptor Command.

Volunteers will be required to give four hours of their time every other day, except those working from 12 midnight to 4 A. M., and from 4 to 8 A. M. These shifts operate on a three-days-on and three-days-off basis. Volunteers may choose the hours they desire to serve. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are included in all shifts.

Requirements: (1) American citizen; (2) complete high school education; (3) good physical condition; (4) normal vision. (Color-blindness not acceptable, due to nature of work); (5) good speaking voices; (6) weight, for women, not more than 150 lbs; for men, not more than 200 lbs. Age for women, 19 to 45; men, 20 to 45.

Medical Corps Plans Card Party

At last Wednesday's meeting of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Narberth, plans were formulated for a benefit card party to be held in the near future.

Guy Mosteller, the drillmaster of the Corps, has left to join the U. S. Marines. Men are urgently needed to be trained as ambulance crews. Corps meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. in Elm Hall, Narberth. Enlistments are accepted then. Applicants do not have to be residents of Narberth, nor must they have had previous first aid training. Women are also needed to be trained to work in the casualty stations.

Corps members are uniformed and are subject to mild discipline. The Corps has the full approval of the following organizations: The Narberth Borough Council, The Narberth Defense Council, the Lower Merion Police Department, and the Narberth Fire Department.

Buy Wynnewood Home

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Kay have purchased an English-style stone home at 615 Sussex rd., Wynnewood, from the Corn Exchange National Bank and Trust Co. and Frank H. Moss, co-trustees, through the real estate office of Harris & Bunting, Merion. The property was offered for \$16,000.

Asks Government Aid for Defense

Local Funds Not Sufficient Says Burgess Miller

There is a need for either the Federal or State Government to supply additional defense funds if adequate protection is to be assured the people, according to Burgess Miller, who recently assumed the duties of Director of Defense in Narberth Borough.

As defense Director Burgess Miller made his first report to Borough Council last Monday night. He stated that expenditures to date had been confined to what has been considered "the minimum essential supplies."

"I understand," he added, "that the problem of supplying funds for the purchase of equipment is being considered by State and Federal authorities, and if the auxiliary services are to be provided with adequate supplies and equipment to meet an actual air raid, much remains to be furnished. At present we have an organized and willing number of volunteer workers, seriously devoting themselves to preparation for the tasks which might arise, but not equipped as they should be to combat a severe emergency."

Defense Director Miller also reported that identification cards and arm bands for the various services are being issued and the workers have been taking courses of instruction under the leadership of the chiefs of services.

Scouts Say Labor Favors Sen. Davis

Both Sides Say They Are 'Sounding Out Sentiment'

From up-state industrial and mining sections, political scouts are bringing back reports that United States Senator James J. Davis will receive overwhelming support from Labor.

At least that was the most that could be learned from inner Republican Party circle discussions at Norristown this week where everyone is watching the public opinion barometer for a gubernatorial winning candidate.

On the surface there were two important conferences:

First, County Commissioner Fred C. Peters attended a meeting at the home of State Senator George B. Scarlett, Chester County chairman, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Northampton, Northumberland and Schuylkill Counties were represented at the meeting by prominent leaders who are said to have reserved seats on the Senator Davis bandwagon when it starts moving. They called it a meeting "to sound out sentiment."

Meanwhile on Monday, Major General Edward Martin, another Republican governor possibility, extended his personal "sounding out sentiment" tour to Montgomery County. He visited Commissioners Peters and Foster C. Hillegass at the Court House in Norristown.

Officially, however, no governor petitions are being circulated by organization workers nor has any statement of endorsement been given out by the leaders.

Says Main Line Is Safety Valve For Over Crowded Philadelphia

A warning that industrial production may bog down within a year if the transportation problem of workers is not solved, was made by Roy Helton, director of the Bureau of Research, State Department of Commerce, speaking at a luncheon conference of Republican women at Whitehall, Haverford, Tuesday.

Eight southeastern counties were represented at the regional conference on Industrial Research sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Republican Women, and presided over by Mrs. Charles Seidel, Bryn Mawr, industrial research chairman of the Lower Merion-Narberth Council.

Mrs. Seidel gave a report on a housing survey she has made in Lower Merion Township to determine space available and transportation facilities for defense workers. "The Main Line is the safety valve for over-crowded Philadelphia," she declared.

Mrs. Edna Carroll, vice chairman of the Philadelphia Central Republican Campaign Committee and chairman of the Motion Picture Board of Censors, commended Mrs. Seidel for the pioneer work she has done in Industrial Research. In Philadelphia, more than half of the census population is at work today, Mr. Helton explained, while in Montgomery County 36% are working and in Delaware 22%.

Mrs. Robb Succumbs To Long Illness

Services were held Wednesday night at Stuard's Funeral Home, Ardmore, for Mrs. Ruth Miller Robb, who died Monday at her home, 215 Forrest av., Narberth, after a long illness.

Mrs. Robb, who was a member of the Narberth Presbyterian Church, was an active member of the Woman's Guild and of the Narberth branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Surviving are her husband, Frederick Murray Robb; a son, Frederick, Jr., two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Wynn, of Blairsville, Pa., and Margaret Robb, and three grandchildren.

Burial will be in Huntingdon, Pa.

Council Elects Three Members of Police Civil Service Board

Narberth Borough Council on Monday night created a Civil Service Commission of three members with power to appoint, promote, reduce, suspend or remove police officers.

Announcement last week of the resignation of Patrolman Thomas W. Merkle to accept a position in the Narberth Post Office made it necessary to create the Commission, which will operate according to provisions of the new Police Civil Service Act which became effective last July.

Members of the Commission as nominated and elected by Council are John S. Ketcham, 407 Haverford av., retired contractor and one of the liquidating trustees of

the Narberth Building and Loan; Clarence Kaerber, 215 Chestnut st., former burgess and president of Council; Franklin C. Hutchinson, councilman and chairman of the Council's public safety committee.

Inasmuch as some police supervision comes under Lower Merion Township, there was a question last week whether or not it would be necessary to create the Commission. Henry Frye, the Borough solicitor, ruled that it would be necessary, as salaries of the Borough police officers are paid by Council.

Council announced the approval of the purchase of a new police car by the local rationing board.

Autocar Reports \$1,492,816 Profit

Page Tells Stockholders Return in 1942 Is Doubtful

A profit of \$1,492,816 for the year 1941 is indicated by the annual report and financial statement of the Autocar Company of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, just released to stockholders. The 1941 profit was equivalent to \$7.27 per share of the common stock after paying all dividends and deductions from earnings to which the Preferred stock is entitled. Robert P. Page, Autocar president, pointed out in his annual report to the stockholders that the 1941 profit was derived in a disproportionately large way from the increased volume of commercial sales rather than from Government orders.

In fact, Mr. Page's report makes it clear that it was not until the middle of 1941 that deliveries on Government orders were sufficient to contribute in any significant degree to the financial showing of the year. Mr. Page also admonished his stockholders in reference to possible profits in 1942 as follows:

"As the year 1942 progresses and brings increased Government orders to your Company, it will be well for all stockholders to keep in mind what I have stressed in this report, that it was not large profits on Government orders that produced the financial showing of 1941. It is impossible to predict at this writing how much, if any, normal business will be permitted to come our way this year; what new taxes will be levied or other emergency demands may be placed on operations like ours. The entire situation is unlike anything in the past and it is, therefore, impossible to use past ratios of profits to volume as a basis for conjecturing what the final results for ownership may be."

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Members of the trio are Kathryn Reid Giles, soprano; Dylis Spurr, contralto, and Hannah Wheeler, mezzo-soprano and accompanist.

Fire Chief Lauds Second Alarmers

162 Attend Meeting in Bala-Cynwyd Hall

One hundred sixty-two firemen, representing 40 fire-fighting organizations attended Saturday night's meeting of the Montgomery County Firemen's Association in Bala-Cynwyd.

They were welcomed by Walter C. Neely, president of the Union Fire Association of Bala-Cynwyd.

Those present at the meeting, which was held in the fire company's hall on Montgomery av., heard Battalion Chief Frank A. Rowe, of the Philadelphia Bureau of Fire, praise the work of the Second Alarmers Association of Montgomery County.

Tribute was paid to the Association's former vice-president, Harry N. Bickel, Norristown, who died the previous Sunday.

Chief W. C. Hornung, of the Bala-Cynwyd company, was among those introduced.

Wilson H. Green, chief fire marshal, reported 195 fires during February with an estimated loss of \$128,414.70.

Want to Place Flags In Front of Legion

A request by the Harold D. Speakman Post, American Legion, for permission to place flags in front of the Legion headquarters on Forrest av. was acknowledged by the Narberth Borough Council Monday night. At present the Legion headquarters also is being used as a Council of Defense headquarters.

Council referred the matter to the highway committee of which Walter A. Fox is chairman for consideration.

Pianoforte Recital

A pianoforte recital by Horace Alwyne, an annual musical event, will take place March 16, at 8:30 in Goodhart Hall of Bryn Mawr College.

Cash Prizes at Flower Show

Cash prizes, totaling \$41,000 will be awarded by The Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc., at its 19th annual exhibition. This was made known, today, by W. Atlee Burpee, president of the civic and educational enterprise which has the co-operation of all the principal growers and florists of this area, as well as a score of garden clubs, private growers, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Awards from two dollars to \$1,000, will be given to exhibitors whose display of flowers, from a single bloom to a full-sized formal garden, will transform the spacious exhibition hall into a veritable paradise of color, beauty and fragrance.

Players to Give Maughan Play

"The Circle" Will Be Presented Next Friday and Saturday

The Narberth Players will present "Somerset Maughan's" "The Circle" at Elm Hall on March 20 and 21 at 8:45 p.m.

Cast of the March play includes Pete Boyle as Olive Champion-Cheney; Dick Scott as Arnold Champion-Cheney, M.P.; Dave Kornhauser as Lord Porteous; Bob Teter as Edward Luton; Beatrice Carver as Lady Catherine Champion-Cheney; Grace Murray as Elizabeth; Jane Sangmeister as Mrs. Shenstone.

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NARBERTH CLINCHES PLAYOFF SPOT; EARLINGTON ELIMINATES YEADON

Outside of Yeadon passing out of the playoff picture, the situation in the Main Line Basketball League stands just about the same as it was a week ago. Inability to cram all of the postponed games into the schedule this week forces an extension of the regular season and keeps the playoff opponents in doubt until Tuesday, at least.

There is still a chance that four teams may finish in a first place tie, a possibility of either a two or three way deadlock for second and the likelihood of two or three teams tying for fourth position.

There will be a doubleheader at Haverford High School Monday night, as usual, but at least one of the pair of opponents is undecided at this writing. Wayne, which was still four games behind the field after Monday's games, will definitely tangle with Clifton Heights in a postponed tilt. The chances are Upper Darby and Berwyn will meet in the other game.

However, should Brookline and Narberth finish in a tie for second place and no one else is in a position to tie them after Thursday's games, then they'll meet in a playoff for the runnersup prize at Haverford Monday night, and one of the other games would be played either at Radnor or Lower Merion.

Earlington Men's Club of Ardmore and Clifton Heights helped scramble the picture by turning in victories over Yeadon, 40-35, and Brookline, 38-28, respectively.

The Earlington victory accounted for Yeadon's 13th defeat and just about eliminated all hope of the Kiwanis team gaining the playoffs. There is still a slim possibility of Yeadon deadlocking with Clifton



MISS EDITH W. UNRUH

Report Serious Need of Nurses

Miss Unruh Urges Graduate Nurses to Volunteer

Narberth's public health nurse, Edith W. Unruh, chairman of the Public Relations Committee of District No. 1, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, has issued a call for graduate nurses to volunteer for service.

Fifty thousand first reserve nurses are needed in the army training camps, the Navy Corps, and other military branches of service. There is no ceiling on the number of Red Cross second reserve nurses being called. These second reserve units are organized for home defense and are being sent to United States possessions to aid in civilian defense programs.

The nurse has an opportunity to play an active role in this present critical situation, Miss Unruh points out; not only is she being asked to volunteer her services on a military basis but she must fill the gaps in the community hospital and public health services. Married nurses and those who are unable to leave home situations are in a position to fill these vacancies left open by military volunteers.

Miss Unruh said that Pennsylvania leads in the recruiting of Red Cross nurses but urged that every inactive nurse in the district voluntarily offer her services. Contact the American Red Cross, Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, 511 North Broad st., Philadelphia, for detailed information.

Five New Car Permits Granted

The following have been granted certificates by Rationing Board No. 3 of Montgomery County, for the purchase of new automobiles:

Dr. Harold W. Jones, Wynnewood; Borough of Narberth; Dr. Percival Nicholson, Ardmore; Dr. Jacob H. Vastine, 2d, Wynnewood; Lower Merion Township Police Department.

MAIN LINE LEAGUE Standings of the Teams

	W	L	PC
Upper Darby	18	8	692
Brookline	18	10	643
Narberth	17	10	630
Wayne	14	10	583
Yeadon	15	13	536
Clifton Heights	13	13	500
Earlington	7	21	250
Berwyn	4	21	160

Schedule for Next Week
MONDAY—Clifton Heights vs Wayne and Brookline vs Narberth or Upper Darby vs Berwyn at Haverford High School.

TUESDAY—Berwyn at Wayne (tentative)

THURSDAY—Playoffs for positions, if necessary. Otherwise start of Shaughnessy playoffs at Radnor High or Haverford College.

and Wayne for fourth place. In order to have this happen, Wayne would have to lose three of its four remaining games and Clifton would have to win both its remaining contests. Yeadon, which led the league for half the season, has finished its schedule and can only hope for a miracle to happen.

Earlington completed its season with the victory over Yeadon and the upset served as some consolation for Manager Andy Simpson and his boys for a disappointing year. The Ardmore lads were determined to finish with a victory or die in the attempt and turned in their finest performances of the year. After an even first half which found the teams deadlocked at 17-17, Earlington moved ahead at 26-27 in the third quarter and

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Only \$5547.82

Taxes Are Unpaid
Outstanding Amount Is 'Unusually Low' for This Time

Although there are two more months before liens are filed, Narberth's tax duplicate is all but \$5547.82 collected, according to a report of Tax Collector John R. Hall.

The duplicate on the property tax is \$84,068.32 and against this amount \$78,520.50 has been collected including the February receipts.

This, according to the Borough Council, that received the report Monday night, is an "unusually low" amount to have outstanding at this time of year.

Occupational taxes also show a record of prompt payments. The tax duplicate on the occupational tax is \$3655.28 and of this amount there is only \$930.68 outstanding.

During February the Tax Collector reported that he had received \$2007.05 in property taxes and \$222.70 in occupational taxes. Penalties on both property and occupational taxes amounted to \$20.48.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

These residents of the Main Line Section of Montgomery County have been drawn for service on the Petit Jury, scheduled for service at the week of Criminal Court to open April 6.

PETIT JURORS
April 6, 1942
David Anderson, Bala-Cynwyd.
Lucille S. Clark, Narberth.
Agnes S. Corrigan, Bryn Mawr.
Helen R. Dill, Ardmore.
Hayland Greaves, Haverford.
William H. Heard, Narberth.
Eleanor Marmora, Ardmore.
Henry McCall, Radnor.
John McMullin, Haverford.
C. Paul Ray, Bryn Mawr.
Henry F. Sullivan, Ardmore.
Margaret Swine, Bryn Mawr.
Walter Tobin, Bala-Cynwyd.
Nellie K. Wack, Bryn Mawr.
Mary S. Weymann, Bala-Cynwyd.
Emma M. Wilfong, Ardmore.
Elizabeth Wilkinson, Ardmore.
William C. Wilson, Bryn Mawr.
S. Lewis Ziegler, Jr., Haverford.

The Montgomery County Community Rationing Board received its first application for a new automobile last week, when Dr. L. F. McAndrews, Bryn Mawr, sought permission to turn in his old car for a new one.

He was the first to ask for one of the 376 cars which have been allotted Montgomery County as its quota of new passenger cars for the three months period of March, April and May.

Dr. James J. Kane, Norristown, has been appointed Treasurer of the Montgomery County Democratic Committee to succeed Earl F. Newton, Pottstown, who resigned as of March 2, according to an announcement today by Democratic County Chairman Raymond K. Mensch.

Newton, who is Inheritance Tax Appraiser for Montgomery County, resigned the treasurership to back Auditor General F. Clair Ross, his immediate superior, in his candidacy for Governor.

George Washington's memory in statuary at Valley Forge Park may be perpetuated by a gift statue to the Commonwealth by an undisclosed donor.

The Valley Forge Park Commission, Executive Secretary Gilbert S. Jones revealed, has authorized the execution of a contract with Gifford MacGregor Proctor of New York and Beloit, Wisconsin, who has designed a unique memorial to the Commander-in-Chief of the patriotic Continental Army which weathered the Winter encampment there in 1777-78.

Modernization of U. S. Route 202 from the Delaware State Line North of Wilmington to the New Jersey boundary at New Hope by-passing congested industrial areas, was held today to be an urgent military necessity by Second District Assemblyman Charles H. Brunner, Jr., Norristown.

Shortage of workers at Norristown State Hospital is the highest it has ever been, Dr. Arthur P. Noyes, Superintendent, said this week.

There are 160 vacancies in the ward service, he declared, in explaining that the situation was serious.

Male jurors are becoming a curiosity in the Montgomery County Courts. The lists have more and more women on them and it is not unusual to find a majority of women jurors sitting on a case. In one case before Judge Corson this week there were 11 women and one man.

Because of two cases of scarlet
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MIDDLE AGED. Practical Nurse will take complete charge of convalescents at home, care for children, etc. Wide experience. Excellent references. Mrs. Dugg, Norberth 3789-11. ml-ot-haz-2-12

